

Latta News Department

Conducted by W. Ellis Bethea

Coming and Going

Mr. F. O. Fuzzey of Wilmington was here Monday.
 E. J. Price of Charlotte, N. C., was here Monday.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gibson and daughter of Dillon were here Monday.
 L. N. Hatchell of Elberry was here Monday.
 Magistrate Joe M. Bass of Sellers was here Monday.
 Mrs. C. S. Bethea spent Monday in Fayetteville.
 Chas. Tilghman of Tilghman Lumber Co. of Sellers was here Monday.
 D. E. Godbold of Marion was here Monday.
 Bonnie Martin of Mullins was here Monday.
 Hon. B. B. Sellers of Sellers was here Monday.
 Charlie Farham of Mallory was here Friday.
 J. K. Page of Sellers was here Friday.
 D. G. Burden of Rowland spent Saturday with his family here.
 John C. and Frank Manship of Elberry were here Saturday.
 J. L. Lane of Mallory was here Saturday.
 A. B. Parker of the Dillon County Lumber Company was here Saturday.
 J. D. Coleman of Elberry was here Saturday.
 S. V. Lane of Dillon was here Saturday.
 Sam Edwards of Dalcho was here Saturday.
 J. S. Fair of Oak Grove was here Saturday.
 John C. Allen of Elberry was here Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hudson of Sellers were here Saturday.
 J. F. Williams of Mallory was here Saturday.
 Ernest Page of Sellers was here Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pearce of Marion county were here Saturday.
 Hon. J. W. Smith spent Thursday of last week in Fayetteville.
 W. F. Rogers of Bingham was here Saturday.
 L. E. Dew of Dalcho was here Saturday.
 R. B. Bethea of Smithboro, was here on Saturday.
 Tracey E. Fore of Elberry was here Monday morning.
 W. B. Stackhouse of Little Rock was here Monday.
 W. E. Rogers of Blenheim was here Thursday.
 E. A. Brown of Marion was here Thursday.
 Dr. J. H. David of Dillon was in town Thursday.
 D. S. Allen, auditor Dillon county, was here Tuesday.
 A. L. Campbell of Ebenezer was here Tuesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bethea of Dillon were here Wednesday.
 J. J. Bethea and C. G. Bass went to "Locust Tree" on Wednesday.
 E. Varen, who travels out of Marion, was here on Wednesday.
 Jee M. Bass of Sellers was here Wednesday.
 J. S. Hayes of Free State was here Wednesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Alford of Floydale were here Wednesday.
 H. B. Bethea of Dillon was here Wednesday.
 J. O. and J. C. Brigman of Temperance were here Wednesday.
 L. M. Covington formerly of Olio but now of Baltimore, Md., was here Wednesday.
 C. M. Allen, Manager Swift & Co. Oil Mill, Columbia, was here on business Wednesday.
 Bory Stackley and O. G. Weston of Florence were here Monday afternoon.
 W. J. B. Campbell spent two days last week in Columbia visiting relatives.
 Monroe Rogers and John Hargrove, two cotton dealers of Dillon, were here Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hayes and children of Elberry were here Saturday afternoon.
 E. Hood, plant foreman Southern Bell Telephone Co., of Marion was here today taking out phones.
 Messrs. L. M. Gasque and Jas. W. Johnson of Marion were here Thursday.
 Mrs. S. K. Kessigol of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting her niece, Mrs. W. D. Bethea.
 Miss Maggie Carpenter of the Dillon school faculty spent the week end with Mrs. T. C. McGee.
 Miss Mamie Berry who is in training in one of the hospitals of Lumberton is here taking a short vacation with her relatives.
 T. W. Huckabee, of Gibson, N. C., was here in the interest of his farm which he bought something over a year ago near here.
 M. M. Monroe went on Wednesday to the Pee Dee Presbyterian church convenes at Hartsville, he being the delegate from the Presbyterian church here at Latta.
 D. M. Dew who has been at the bedside of his wife in a hospital in Columbia for a week, returned home Sunday night and reports that Mrs. Dew is now doing nicely.
 Sen. J. H. Manning went to Columbia Tuesday to represent the people using phones at this place and who are not willing to continue their phones if the high rates prevail.
 R. M. Barlow and J. L. Butler, cattle men of Loris, are here with a view to selling most of their cattle, stating that the stock law makes it necessary for them to keep less cattle.

Misses Annie Reaves and Beattie Alford of Floydale, were here Monday afternoon.

Miss Agnes Davis of Elberry and Messrs. Leigh Harper and W. T. Johnson of Conway spent the week end with Miss Louise Fore.

Mrs. Hoyt Watson, who has been in Greenwood with her parents for about ten days, and who was to have returned home on Saturday night, was prevented from coming by the sudden illness of her mother.

The Latta Branch train, which has always been a well patronized train, is hauling but few passengers, there being one trip from Clio here, on its arrival when it did not have a single passenger.

David Tuckman, a Russian Jew, who has been here in the dry goods business for the past two years has shipped his stock to his brother in Sumter and will leave for the north Tuesday night. David is one of the best foreigners that I have met.

Social Events in Latta.

Miss Carpenter was the honoree at a rook party given by Mrs. M. E. McNair Saturday afternoon. The reception room was made pretty and inviting with baskets and roses of various colors. Several spirited games of rook were enjoyed, each couple progressing received a rose bud. At the close of the afternoon the greatest number was held by Mrs. John J. Allen. She was presented with a large cluster of roses and the guest prize a beautiful hand painted motto was presented Miss Carpenter. At 6 o'clock covers were placed on the tables and a sweet course served. Those invited to meet Miss Carpenter were Messdames John J. Allen, D. B. Shine, T. C. McGee, S. J. Bethea, Jr., Misses Sallie Bethea, Estelle Elberle and Ormie Bethea.

Again on Saturday evening Miss Carpenter was the guest of honor when Miss Ormie Bethea entertained a few friends with three tables of rook. The living room was attractively arranged with many spring flowers. After cards were laid aside raisin and nut sandwiches with iced tea were served. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. John J. Allen, Dr. and Mrs. T. C. McGee, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McNair, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Shine, Mrs. Ada Edwards, Misses Sadie Bethea, Hortense Biggs, Messrs. M. H. Cox, Harry Sellers and Prof. R. T. Fairley.

The Mother's Club met with the Parent-Teachers' Association in the school auditorium on Thursday afternoon the 14th. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. H. A. Edwards, President of the Parent-Teachers' Association. Messdames E. C. Major, P. C. Henry and Ermine Floyd took part in the programme. An especially fine paper on story telling for children was read by Mrs. Kate Rogers. Several piano selections were rendered by Mrs. W. J. Summerlin. After a short business session by the Parent-Teachers' Association, a delightful social hour was enjoyed with a continuation of splendid music through the whole hour. The refreshment committee served delicious chocolate cake and hot coffee. There was a large and an enthusiastic attendance, more probably than at any previous meeting. Miss McLeod, the county nurse, was present and made a short, but splendid talk, telling the ladies the result of her days work. She examined fifty one children, finding many defects especially with the eyes.

Old Vets Entertained.

The Confederate Veterans of Camp E. T. Stackhouse held their annual meeting on Wednesday the 13th, after which they were entertained with a large dinner at the home of Mrs. W. Ellis Bethea, furnished by the Pee Dee Chapter U. D. C., of which Mrs. Bethea is a member. The entire lower floor was beautifully decorated for the occasion in red and white roses with handsome ferns and numbers of flags. The dining table was beautifully laid—red, white and blue ribbons crossed—and a cut glass bowl of sweet peas on a silver reflector. A most elegant dinner was served by Messdames W. Ellis Bethea, Walter E. Bethea, Frank Watkins, E. L. Powell and Miss Lillian Bethea. Many of the old songs of war days were played and sung by Messdames W. J. Summerlin, D. G. Burden, Jno. Garner and others. After dinner iced drinks and smokers were served and many happy and many sad reminiscences of olden days were discussed. They voted a resolution of thanks to the members of Pee Dee Chapter U. D. C. for the lovely dinner, music and warm hospitality which made possible such a happy day for them. Two of their number, Mr. Zeno Johnson and Mr. George Turbeville, not being able to attend, were remembered by their comrades, and elegant dinners sent to them. Those present were: Messrs. T. R. Fore, A. L. Lane, B. H. Myers, J. W. Smith, David Lane, Jas. D. Bethea, Andrew Brumblies, L. T. Sessions, C. W. Foxworth, Christopher Wise, S. S. Turbeville and Commander, W. B. Allen.

A new world record for parachute leaping was made recently when Lieutenant Arthur G. Hamilton dropped 24,000 feet at Champaign, Illinois.

News Items of Interest in and Around Latta.

On Friday evening the 15th, the play entitled "Mr. Bob" in the school auditorium by the tenth and eleventh grades, was very much enjoyed, and there was a fair attendance. The receipts from this play amounted to nearly \$50.00. Doubtless the attendance would have been much larger had the play been put on some other night than Friday night, as the Pastime Theatre has been putting on their best pictures on that night.

On Saturday night the 16th, two students from Cheraw, Mr. Duvall and Miss Pegues, engaged two Latta students here in the school auditorium in a debate: "Resolved," Should the United States Join the League of Nations?" The Latta team was represented by Robert Broadhurst and Miss Mary Fore, and were on the side of the negative. Messrs. Joe P. Lane and W. H. Muller of Dillon and Mr. Hanna of Cheraw were the judges, and made their decision in favor of the negative. On the same night Mr. O. J. Zeigler and Miss Annie Covington of the Latta High School faculty with Jack Floyd and Miss Mary Stackhouse Fore, two students of the Latta High School, went to Cheraw. Mr. Floyd and Miss Fore on the side of affirmative in Cheraw. The decision made by the judges in that town was in favor of the negative, making the two towns equal, as far as debaters are concerned.

Annual Report of Latta Public Library.

To the Library Association:
 Your librarian begs to make the following report for the year ending April 30th, 1921:

Attendance for the year — 5912
 Books and magazines read — 3366
 Application cards in circulation — 380
 Books presented, Mrs. H. A. Renner — 10
 J. S. Hammond — 6
 W. J. Summerlin — 1
 American Library Association 95-92
 We appreciate very much the gift of these books. On our tables will be found many of the best magazines published, and we trust that during these warm spring days that the people of Latta and the surrounding country will come to the Library and enjoy the coolness and beauty of Latta's community center.

Respectfully submitted,
 (Mrs.) Wessie Braddy, Librarian.

"AUNT BECKY" ENJOYS FISH FRY.

Well-Known Writer Gives Impressions of Trip Through Country.

Latta, S. C., April 12th—On Saturday the 26th of March the writer left her home in Robeson enroute to the Palmetto State and the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. McLaurin, in the vicinity of Floydale. We came down by the way of Rowland, N. C., into the noted cotton valley section where I spent a most pleasant week among kindred there, my first introduction to that section of our country. Here I found a beautiful country, fine farms, nice up to date homes and splendid, progressive citizenry. An air of thrift and prosperity was universally in evidence and the farmers busily engaged in planting crops and transplanting tobacco.

The acreage in cotton and tobacco, also the use of fertilizers will be materially reduced in that section this season, and food and forage crops are receiving due attention.

Leaving cotton valley on Saturday a. m. the 2nd of April, we journeyed thither through a section of Dillon county entirely new to me, crossing the Little Pee Dee over the Dillon Bridge, the finest crossing I have ever found on that river, built of concrete and in sharp contrast to the dilapidated McInnis' bridge spanning the river near our home. From cotton valley on down and throughout this neighborhood, I have been impressed with the beauty of broad fields of magnificent oats, giving promise of a rich harvest. This a. m. we found that a considerable frost had fallen during the night, which will doubtless prove injurious to some of the more tender garden plants but I hope the fruit may escape damage.

"Up home" our farmers will try some diversification this season. The cantaloupe and melon industry, with figure to a considerable extent. For some years past, they have grown the former with success and occasionally at good profit, but the market is uncertain and the fluctuating, which renders this industry an unreliable investment. But the time is at hand when we shall have to wear ourselves away from the autocratic reign of King cotton and develop other resources and products to which our God given climate and soil are so fittingly adapted. We raise no tobacco in upper Robeson; it has been tried in a few instances, producing a good grade, but too far off from the markets, and was soon abandoned. I hear of no local news in this vicinity. On Wednesday of last week, Mr. Tracey Henry of Latta, came over for Mrs. McLaurin and myself to help them dine on fresh river perch, among the largest and finest I have ever seen and a genuine treat. The day was most enjoyable in every respect.

Other guests were Mr. Pat Henry, Mrs. Flora Bethea and daughter, Mrs. Gaddy, Mrs. B. — is a near kinswoman, and former classmate at old Floral College. The Messrs. Henry are sons of another class mate, (nee) Miss Lottie Bethea and our friendly hostess, I have known and loved since she was a winsome, wee lassie. In the p. m. Mr. Henry, accompanied by his interesting family, brought me home. Driving by his farm, I was shown a patch of 5,000 cabbage, in fine growing condition, uniform size and nearly ready for market, also I noticed several acres of magnificent oats. I hear the Floydale school is to close on Friday the 15th inst. Mrs. M. M. Mack and Miss Lucile Brickley, two charming and accomplished teachers of the Temperance and Spring Branch schools were our interesting guests during the week end, attending service at Dunbarton church on Sunday p. m. where a fine discourse was heard from the pastor, Rev. Mr. Bailey.

"Aunt Becky."

A Box of Crackers.

(A short story by Dora Bell McLeod)
 Henry wanted a dollar. He wanted it because Ringling Bros. Circus would be in town tomorrow. The tickets were fifty cents a piece, but of course one, the most important was wanted for Helen. It used to be that Henry thought nothing of Helen. She was just "the girl that lived across the street". Then an accident happened right in front of Henry's eyes. He ran to her, she was doing her best not to cry. Henry saw all this, and begged her not to cry. It was what he told her then as he was taking her home that put him so badly in need of a dollar.

"Don't cry, Helen, please don't; if you won't why I'll—I'll—I'll take you to the circus when it comes. Cross my heart I will. Don't cry, please don't" was the way Henry put it.

Since that day three weeks ago, it seemed to Henry that all the nickles and dimes had gone to the war and had got killed for they had certainly gone somewhere. Henry's parents could not afford to pay him now for the little errands he would do.

It was raining pitch forks the morning of the day before the circus. Suddenly Henry thought of Mr. Nabisco, the grocery man. He slipped on his overshoes, raincoat, and hat and started to see Mr. Nabisco for a job. Very soon he was at the store. When he arrived Mr. Nabisco was talking very loudly to some one on the phone.

"A box of Uneeda Crackers," Mr. Nabisco explained. "Why, sir, I'd hate to send a duck out in this rain." "Please, Mr. Nabisco," said Henry, "I'll take them for you, I don't mind the rain." Mr. Nabisco didn't want to let Henry go at first, but in the end he did go. He told himself the job question could wait till he got back. He took them, as directed, down the street four blocks and the first door to the left. This door had a sign over it, "Mr. Antony White."

Henry rang the door bell. He was holding the crackers under his arm, with his hands in his pockets.

"Wait there, young man, right where you are. Don't move a step," said Mr. White as he opened the door.

Henry felt a little afraid, but he stood still. In a minute the man was at the door with an easel, a square of canvass, and his paints. Then he began to sketch upon the canvass. The picture was a picture of Henry and the crackers.

"Young man, I'm not crazy, although you might think I am, but I'm an artist. This morning I got a letter from the man that makes those crackers, and he asked me to paint him a picture for an advertisement. He said he would pay me a big sum of money for the right kind of picture. I believe this is the picture that he will want."

Mr. White put on the finishing touches. Henry knew that he had finished his task and he became very nervous. Mr. White slipped a new one dollar bill into Henry's hands. Henry muttered to himself, "Well this dollar bill is for Helen and me."

The next day Helen and Henry sat on the very front row of Ringling Bros. Circus, and no other two people enjoyed the stunts as much as the bright, cheerful little couple.

This month marks the sixty-ninth anniversary of the publication in book form of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The story still lives on the speaking stage and in the cinema, as in literature.



We have opened an Optical Office at Dillon, S. C. At the present time we will be at the Hotel Wheeler every Second and Fourth Mondays in each month. We examine and fit glasses. Call and see us.

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W. Ellis Bethea.

Latta, S. C.

ROME DEMONSTRATION DEPARTMENT.

(Conducted by Miss Etta Sue Sellers)
Preserving Eggs in Water Glass—During the spring and early summer, when eggs are plentiful and cheap, attention should be given to preserving them for winter use. Fresh eggs properly preserved may be kept from 8 to 12 months in good condition. Eggs laid in April, May and early June will keep better than those laid later in the season.

To obtain satisfactory results, the eggs should be fresh and clean and if possible, infertile. Do not use eggs that float when placed in the solution. They are not fresh. When an egg shows only a slight soil, a cloth dampened with vinegar can be used. One should never preserve badly soiled eggs. If placed in the jar while soiled they will spoil, and washing removes a protective coating which prevents spoiling.

The water glass method for preserving eggs is a most satisfactory one. Select a 5 gallon crock or jar and clean it thoroughly, after which it should be scalded and allowed to dry. Heat a quantity of water to the boiling point and let cool. When cool measure out 9 quarts of water, place it in the crock, and add 1 quart of water glass, stirring the mixture thoroughly. Then the eggs may be lowered into the solution with a spoon. Eggs may be added from time to time. At least two inches of the solution should cover the eggs. After the eggs have been removed, the mixture should not be used again. Fifteen dozen eggs can be preserved in this amount of liquid. The jar containing the egg should be placed in a cool dry place. Cover well to prevent evaporation.

When water glass eggs are to be broiled, a small hole should be made in the shell with a pin at the large end before placing them in the water. This is done to allow the air in the egg to escape when heated so as to prevent cracking.

What Shall I Spend for Different Foods?—Every \$10 spent for food should be divided as follows: Two to three dollars for cereals, two to three

for milk and cheese, from one seventy to two seventy five for vegetables and fruits, one seventy to two twenty five for meat, fish, and eggs, one twenty to one fifty for other things—as sugar, Cocoa, or butter.

Vegetable Calendar for April—Plant early potatoes, cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, beets, celery, carrot, cauliflower, New Zealand spinach, Chinese cabbage, choyotes, kale, globe artichoke, mangel wurzels, early corn, string beans, garden peas, cucumbers, squash, watermelon and cantaloupe, Okra and pumpkins seed may be planted this month as well as Swiss chard.

WORLD WAR VETERANS.

If you have not yet received your Victory Medal, make application for same at once to the Victory Medal Officer, Camp Jackson, S. C. This medal is a symbol for service in the greatest war the world has ever known, and in the case of every American, for the most honorable cause. If you are entitled to one, you should have it to wear at all gatherings of the veterans. Don't delay write today, to the above mentioned address and steps will immediately be taken to issue one. Also the parents or nearest of kin to deceased veterans may make application for the medal.

JAMES E. COLE, JR.,
 Captain, 61st Infantry, Victory Medal Officer.

An air flight to high altitude as prescribed by an army physician resulted in restoring the power of speech to a former soldier, who for eight months had been unable to speak above a whisper.

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